

The Listening Post

A “Quiet” Month?

By Tom Delaney, W8WTD

With only the picnic in July and no meeting in August, it may seem that the summer months are quiet for QCEN. Not exactly. There have been a number of events which our members have taken part in, and another potential one coming up.

The week after the club picnic, the MS Bike ride took place, with many club members helping out over the two-day event. More recently, though not a QCEN event, Paddlefest took place on the Ohio River, and several of our club members were there as communicators.

Yet to come, and the club will have to decide on its participation, is the Ohio QSO Party, on August 24th. It runs from noon until midnight that day. There has been some interest in operating that event from one of the club stations, maybe the W8VND Field Site, but no decision has been made. If you’d like to participate, let one of the officers know. If enough members want to, we’ll open up one of the stations and give everyone a chance to get on the air. If there’s not enough interest, we’ll simply let the opportunity go by.

Another operating event will take place on September 7th. That is the Ohio Parks on the Air, and it runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on that day. This is another event that the club could participate in, depending on what the membership wants to do. If you’d like to operate that event from a club station, let one of the officers know. They’ll look at the level of interest and decide whether or not to make it a club operating event.

At our meeting in September, we will have as a guest speaker Ken Robinson, Regional Disaster Officer of the Red Cross. He’ll

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Coming Events:

- Aug. 24 Ohio QSO Party
- Sept 7 Ohio Parks on the Air
- Sept 12 QCEN Meeting

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Speak about our new relationship with Red Cross (we're now a Partner Agency) as well as informing us of volunteer opportunities that individuals can take working locally here in various tasks to help Red Cross.

Also in September, although the dates have not been set, we will again be holding classes for instruction in ham radio for each of the three license classes.

So there's still a lot going on with the club, even if we don't have a formal meeting until next month. Keep in touch with the club through email and the weekly net at 9 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Contests

Without our usual contest guru this month, here are just a few of the contests you could find. For more details on any of them, check out the contest page on the ARRL website.

- *North American QSO Party (SSB)* *August 17 & 18*
- *Kentucky Parks on the Air* *August 10*
- *Maryland-DC QSO Party* *August 10 & 11*

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Club Picnic



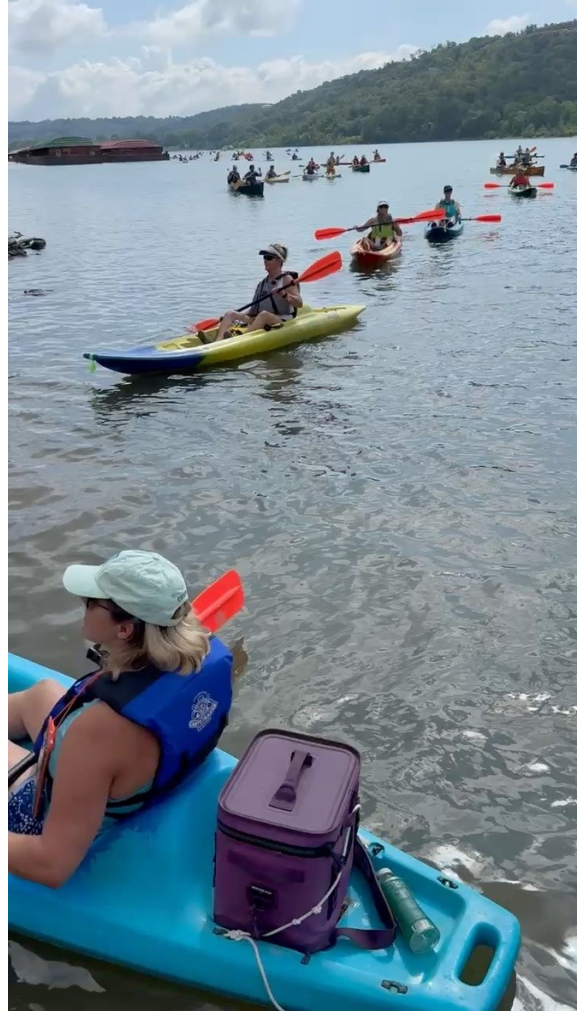


MS Bike





Paddlefest



QCEN Picnic July 13, 2024

People arrived at Noon with lots of good food. As always Francis N8PEE had lots of great meats. About 12:30pm someone said it was time to eat.

A little after 1pm vice pres. "Em" N8MCR called to order with Pledge To the Flag and self-introductions.

- Secretary's report of June meeting accepted as posted in L.P.
- Treasurer reported that all bills are paid.
- Field Day was at W8VVL at Red Cross, a good time on the air.
- Comm. Mgr - Steve N8TFD - Bike MS is ready to go.
- Ohio QSO Party is August 24 - Noon til Midnight, who wants in?
- Amateur Radio License Classes to be later September or October.
- ARRL S.E.T will be the first week in October, more later.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm, we had 36 people. There was much socializing, and lots of good food.....

A big Thank You to all who helped put this together.

** Yearly reminder: We do not have a meeting in August.

Next regular meeting at Red Cross is Thursday September 12 at 7:30pm.

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Q.C.E.N. Secretary

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